

What is claimed is:

1. A radiation sensitive resin composition for forming barrier ribs for an EL display element, comprising:
  - (A) an alkali soluble resin,
  - 5 (B) a polymerizable compound having an ethylenically unsaturated bond, and
  - (C) a radiation sensitive polymerization initiator.
- 10 2. The radiation sensitive resin composition of claim 1 which further comprises (D) a colorant.
- 15 3. The radiation sensitive resin composition of claim 1 or 2, wherein the alkali soluble resin (A) is a novolak resin, a homopolymer of a radical polymerizable monomer having a phenolic hydroxyl group or carboxyl group, a copolymer of  
20 the radical polymerizable monomer and another radical polymerizable monomer, or a copolymer of at least one selected from the group consisting of an unsaturated carboxylic acid and unsaturated carboxylic anhydride, an epoxy group-  
25 containing unsaturated compound and another olefinic unsaturated compound other than these unsaturated compounds.
4. A barrier rib for an EL display element which is formed from the radiation sensitive resin composition of claim 1.
- 25 5. A barrier rib for an EL display element formed from the radiation sensitive resin composition of claim 2.
6. The barrier rib for an EL display element according to  
30 claim 5 which has an OD value of 0.1 or more with a film thickness of 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .
7. The barrier rib for an EL display element according to claim 4 or 5 which has a trapezoidal cross sectional form

with the longer top side than the bottom side and an angle formed by a straight line connecting the upper pattern edge and the lower pattern edge and the top side of 15 to 75°.

- 5    8.    The barrier rib for an EL display element according to claim 4, wherein the amount of a volatile component generated by heating from 25°C to 200°C is 10 % or less of the weight of the barrier rib.
- 10   9.    An EL display element comprising the barrier ribs of claim 4 or 5.
- 15   10.   Use of the radiation sensitive resin composition of claim 1 for the formation of barrier ribs for an EL display element.
11.   Use of the radiation sensitive resin composition of claim 2 for the formation of barrier ribs for an EL display element.